protect these two plants, especially in rural areas, and also whether any special efforts are being made for their replantation.

SHRI KAMAL NATH: Madam, it is a fact that bamboo shoot is edible. One bamboo edible shoot project has been undertaken under FAO project. It is being implemented in Chhindwara district of Madhya Pradesh. This project which we have undertaken, is the first of its kind under FAO. We have got certain plants which are being multiplied. If this project succeeds, we will implement bamboo edible shoot programme in many of the districts in this country, especially in tribal areas and in some of our most backward districts. It gives not only food but an immediate income to the people of that village.

Coming to the question of its medicinal value, 'vansalochan' is a secretion found in curves of various species of bamboos. It is not found in all bamboos, it is found in some of the bamboos. It has a residue of watery substance which, as I said, is found occasionally in the internodes. Its presence in bamboos is generally attracted by the noise when we shake the bamboos. This chalky translucent substance is sometimes transparent and sometimes not. I can give the technical details but I am sure hon. Members won't be interested in them. It does have certain medicinal value. It is useful in the case of asthama cough and such other diseases. It is known to have 99 per cent silica, iron, calcium, alum and alkali. So, it does have medicinal value and it is used for medicinal purposes.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shri Sarada Mohanty.

Now that is grown in the hon. Minister's district, we must expect some nice bamboo shoot dishes.

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: I want to know whether there is any proposal to have bamboo plantation in villages, especially in rural areas, because poor villagers use bamboo and cane for construction of their homes. I want to know whether there is any proposal for replantation in village areas.

SHRI KAMAL NATH: Madam, there are various projects, forestry projects, and cane and bamboo are part of them. Bamboo, as the hon. Member said, is very important, especially to the rural community. There are many cottage industries and some very small-scale industries which are dependant on bamboo, like those making tent-poles brushes, fans and all other sorts of things. So, there are forestry schemes which include bamboo and cane.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I think the next question now. We have had enough on bamboos.

Poteru Irrigation Project

*402. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY† :
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the time when Poteru irrigation scheme under Dandakaranya Project for resettlement in the State of Orissa began and what was the original estimated cost;

(b) what is the present estimated cost of the project;

(c) what was the total amount spent on the project by Central Government;

(d) the time since when the Central Government have not given any financial assistance to the Project; and

(e) the time by when the project is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) to (e) The Poteru Irrigation Project was approved in December, 1975 at an estimated cost of Rs. 14.81 crores. The presently estimated cost of the Project is Rs. 102.39 crores. Upto December, 1986, the Government of India had released funds to the tune of Rs. 59.69 crores for the implementation of the Project. As no satisfactory reply was forthcoming from the State Government regarding non-completion of works while the cost estimates were progressively being revised upwards, no further funds were released. As per the Action Plan furnished by the Govt. of Orissa alongwith the last revised estimates, the project is now expected to be completed by June, 1996.

SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Madam, this is an unexpected, casual reply.

† The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Pravat Kumar Samantaray.

from the Home Minister on a committed project which the Central Government has started, the only project which the Central Government has started in the State of Orissa for resettlers from East Bengal, in Malkangiri which is sandwitched between Andhra on the one side and Madhya Pradesh on the other side. At the moment there is the naxalite menace very much in that area. This project was started in 1974 with a cost estimate of Rs. 14 crores, and it has gone up to Rs. 102 crores. The Central Government is not financing this Project since 1986—that is the reply.

I would like to know whether the Minister will be pleased to tell us the percentage of work completed from 1974 till 1986, since when did they stop financing this Project?

SHRI P. M. SAYEED: This Project was sanctioned in 1975 at an estimated cost of Rs. 14.81 crores. It has undergone drastic changes in many areas. First it was revised upwards.....

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I am wondering how you are giving the Irrigation Minister's answer. How is it in your name? It is about rehabilitation. So, you talk about rehabilitation only.

SHRI P. M. SAYEED: I am talking about that only. This is a resettlement scheme as part of the Dandakaranya Development Scheme to resettle the erstwhile East Pakistani refugees. This scheme was revised four times from 1975 till recently. The latest revision has estimated the figure at Rs. 102 crores. For the benefit of the Member I will just read out the reasons for the delay given by the Orissa Government particularly in this case:

> "The location of the Project in a remote part of the State; delay in acquisition of land and release of forest land; non-availability of executors."

Madam, the Central Government has so far paid an amount of Rs. 59.69 crores.

The inordinate and upward revision on the one hand made us to demand from the state Government the non-Plan part of the certificate. After that only we would release the funds. We have released the funds till December 1986, which amount to Rs. 59.69 crores.

SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: I have put a specific question to the hon. Minister. The Minister has said that the Central Government is not satisfied with the compliance of the State Government. In his reply he has also expressed satisfaction with the work done up to 1986. I would like to know what the percentage of the work done from 1974 to 1986 and what is the percentage of the work done from 1987 till date?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): When the revised estimate was sanctioned, the Orissa Government gave an undertaking to the Government of India in 1985 that 61,000 hectares of irrigated potential will be created. Even today in spite of the revised estimate of Rs. 102 crores, the irrigation potential which is now going to be created is just 6,000 hectares. They have not increased the same. It is a very ordinary sort of project wherein a barrage is to be constructed. Thereafter right and left bank canals and distributaries are to be constructed. I do not know what exactly has been the difficulty with them, but after promising that they are going to implement the same and create irrigation potential of 61,000 hectares, they have not been able to exceed 6,000 hectares even today.

SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: I want to correct the hon. Minister's reply that the potential created has been above 6,000 hectares. It is 31,172 hectares, but the irrigation facilities extended till date is for 6,000 hectares. The reason is that the Centre does not give money. That is why further execution has not been done. The Minister in his reply has said that they are not satisfied with the technical execution of the State Government. They have also confirmed that by 1996 this project will be completed. The Minister is not prepared to say that the Centre is going to release the money. The State Government has no money. They have sent letters after letters to the Prime Minister and the Home Minister and there is no response. I wonder how the Home Minister is confirming that by 1996 this project will be completed. Secondly, the Central Water Commission and the PIB have cleared the project. It is now awaiting the approval of the Cabinet Committee. Will the hon. Minister tell us what the real position about this project is so that the State Government can fulfil the commitment of completing the project.

SHRI P. M. SAYEED: The Central Government's commitment till now is only to the tune of Rs. 17 crores. That is pending for release. We will release it after the audit report. For that the Cabinet paper has already been prepared and after the approval of the Cabinet that will be released.

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY : I would like to know whether the Central funded project is a non-plan expenditure. If so, once it has been approved by the Planning Commission, why is it being put before the Planning Commission again, the Cabinet again ?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : They are not putting it before the planning Commission. They are putting it before the Cabinet. So, this question does not arise.

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY : Madam, there is no reply from the Minister.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I replied to it because I heard what he had said. I repeated the same thing which he has said. He has never said that he was going to put it before the Planning Commission. Did you say that? What did you say ?

SHRI P. M. SAYEED : It is before the Cabinet.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Correct. So the question doesn't arise.

SHRI BASANT KUMAR DAS : Madam Deputy Chairman, it has been mentioned in the reply that the project had been sanctioned in the year 1975. The cost of the project was Rs. 14.81 crores. Now the cost of the project has escalated to Rs. 102 crores. The date of completion of the project is supposed to be around 1996. Due to the present complexity of the situation in the country, the pressure on the Home Ministry is so much that they are not able to look after their own affairs.

This particular project was initiated to rehabilitate the refugees coming from East Pakistan. Finally, they were rehabilitated in the tribal areas of Orissa and Madhya Pradesh. In this context, I want to know, how many such projects were taken up by the Ministry of Home Affairs ? How many of them have been completed ? How many of them have not yet been completed ?

Madam, I also want to know . . .

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SHRI BASANT KUMAR DAS : Madam (b) part of my question is . . .

SHRI P. M. SAYEED : Madam, I need a separate notice for that question. The hon. Member's supplementary doesn't arise from the main question.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Mr. Basant Kumar Das, you should know that the question is very specific. It is regarding one project. I think the Minister has answered it very exhaustively. So we move on to another question. Your supplementary on other projects doesn't arise.

SHRI BASANT KUMAR DAS : Madam, part (b) of my question is, in view of the pressure of work on the Ministry of Home Affairs, would the Minister consider handing over these projects to the Ministry of Water Resources which is the right Ministry ? If they transfer these projects to the Ministry of Water Resources, they can do effective monitoring and complete these projects within the stipulated time.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Are you going to transfer it to the Ministry of Water Resources ?

SHRI P. M. SAYEED : Now this has been taken up by the Central Water Commission. They are monitoring it. After completion of a particular portion, we will be releasing the funds and they will take care of that.

Refusal of Permission to Perform Cultural Show

*403. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA :
SHRI N. E. BALARAM :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that U. P. State administration refused to give permission for Safdar Hashmi Memorial Trust (SAHMAT) to perform a cultural show 'Muktnad' on the bank of the Saryu river in Ayodhya on the eve of our 47th Independence Day for promoting Communal Harmony; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) and (b) The Safdar Hashmi Memorial Trust (SAHMAT) had applied to the District authorities, Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh, for permission to hold a cultural programme at Ram Ki Pairi Ghat, Ayodhya. In view of the information available to the District authorities regarding the apprehension of breach of peace, the District Magistrate, Faizabad refused permission to SAHMAT to hold the proposed function. Subsequently, the matter was reconsidered and keeping in mind